

# Education Programs in South Carolina

The SCDNR plans and directs education programs for students, teachers and the general public. Several programs have received national and state awards and are designed to meet the needs of teachers in grades K-12, as well as other non-formal education groups. For information about these programs, write: SCDNR, Education Programs, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, or call: 803-734-3885; Carolina Coastal Discovery Marine Education Program, 843-953-9359; Land, Water, and Conservation Education Programs, 803-734-4602; or visit [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov)

## Boater Education

Boaters under age 16 are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before operating, a personal watercraft (jet ski) or a boat powered by 15 h.p. motor or larger unless accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

**South Carolina boaters can take a boating safety and education course four ways.**

**1. In a classroom** — Share the learning experience with other boaters and a qualified instructor. Contact DNR to locate the next classroom course in your area.

**2. On the internet** — The complete course, including the test, can be viewed or purchased online at [www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com) or through a link on the SCDNR home page, [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov)

**3. By video** — You and your family can take a boater education course in the convenience of your home by purchasing a informative video and instruction manual. To order by phone call 1-800-460-9698.

For more information on all boating courses call SCDNR at 1-800-277-4301 or visit our web site: [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov)

If you are less than age 21 and plan to go boating in another state, check that state's operator requirements. The SC Basic Boating Course is approved and recognized by all states requiring courses. The boater education certificate is not a boating license.

## Hunter Education

All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979, must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before a hunting license can be obtained. The hunter education certificate is not a hunting license.

The DNR encourages all hunters in South Carolina to be knowledgeable about their sport and safety-conscious when in the field handling firearms. For this reason, the DNR offers a 10-hour Hunter Education Course which includes classroom instruction and hands-on experience in hunter safety and hunting techniques. In addition, students learn about hunting ethics,

hunter/landowner relations, and basic conservation and wildlife management principles. The course is available to schools, clubs and the general public. A Home Study Course is available by calling 1-800-277-4301 or visit our web site: [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov).

If you plan to hunt out of state, check with that state to find out if hunter education certification is required. The South Carolina hunter safety course is recognized by all states requiring certification.

## Trapper Education

The Trapper Education Course includes discussions on furbearer biology, history of the fur trade, wildlife management principles, fur harvest regulations and ethical conduct. This is not a "how to trap" course, but qualified instructors with the SC Trappers Association will discuss and demonstrate responsible trapping techniques.

For information contact the Furbearer Project at 803-734-3609.

## SC Reel Kids™

This program sets goals designed to be fun, educational and active for kids and youth up to age 16. SC Reel Kids work toward goals such as catching their first fish, learning about fish, and improving fish habitats. For their efforts, rewards and certificates are awarded in recognition of meeting program goals, providing kids with the incentive to complete either the Junior Master Angler or Youth Master Angler program. Once youth accomplish the Youth Master Angler status, they will also receive their first annual SCDNR fishing license free after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. For more information, contact visit [www.screelkids.com](http://www.screelkids.com).

## Take One Make One™

An outdoor education and mentoring program aimed at developing South Carolina's youth and young adults, 12 to 27 years of age, through conservation education and adult mentoring, into lifetime participants in conservation, hunting, angling and shooting sports activities. Students are required to complete the SC hunter education safety course and are mentored by an experienced adult for a minimum of one year. There are no registration costs. Presentations, brochures and applications are available by calling 803-734-3995.

Visit the DNR web site at  
[www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov) for more  
education programs

## Camp Wildwood

**Camp Wildwood** is a fun filled week during which students can experience many aspects of their natural environment. It is a place to discover that we are part of nature and everything we do in some way affects the natural balance. At **Camp Wildwood**, you acquire the knowledge and appreciation needed for the protection and wise use of our natural resources.

**Camp Wildwood** is a place for learning self reliance, self discipline and independence in an outdoors setting. It is a place to build self confidence in relationships with adults and peers, and a place to learn how to cooperate within a group. It is also a place to learn about the diversity of our natural resources and how many career choices there are in the environmental field.

**Camp Wildwood** is for 9th through 12th grade students and is in session for one week in June. Contact your local Garden Club, Wildlife Federation or the Department of Natural Resources for more information or visit the Camp Wildwood web site at [www.wildwoodfamily.com/](http://www.wildwoodfamily.com/)

## Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

The "BOW" program offers one- to three-day workshops that teach outdoor skills in a relaxed, non-intimidating atmosphere to women ages 18 years and older. More than 20 classes are offered, including: shotgun, rifle, firearms safety, deer, turkey, duck and small game hunting; freshwater, saltwater and fly fishing; birdwatching; canoeing; camping; backpacking; backyard habitat... and much more! For information on these workshops, hunts or other women's activities, contact SCDNR at 803-734-3885 or visit [www.SCbow.com](http://www.SCbow.com).

## National Hunting & Fishing Day

Once again, SCDNR and the S.C. Wildlife Federation have planned an event that will offer "hands-on" outdoor learning opportunities for every age group. Its focus will be to introduce newcomers to the hunting and fishing traditions, as well as rekindle interest by existing hunters and anglers. South Carolina's National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration is free of charge and open to the public on the fourth Saturday in September from 9:00-4:00 at SCDNR's Cohen Campbell Fish Hatchery located at 1529 Fish Hatchery Road in West Columbia. For more information, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-4001.

## Hunter education classes (Pre-registration is Required to attend.)

Call the numbers listed for course times and to preregister. Classes may be cancelled for cause.

For a complete list of Hunter/Boater education classes visit the web at [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov).

Date	County	Pre-register
June 28	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
July 8	Cherokee	864-488-8851
July 11	Berkeley	1-800-277-4301
July 13	Florence	1-800-277-4301
July 13	Williamsburg	1-800-277-4301
July 15	Richland	1-800-277-4301
July 15	Spartanburg	1-800-277-4301
July 19 & 20	N. Augusta Both evenings	1-800-277-4301
July 19	Jasper	1-800-277-4301
July 24	Colleton	1-800-277-4301
July 26	Horry	1-800-277-4301
July 27	Barnwell	1-800-277-4301
July 29	Lexington	772-3336
July 29	Saluda	1-800-868-5528 X8400
Aug. 1	Beaufort	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 3	Bamberg	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 3	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 3	Georgetown	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 5	Orangeburg/ Calhoun	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 12	Aiken	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 12	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 12	Greenwood	1-800-868-5528 X 8400
Aug. 12	Lexington	345-6181
Aug. 12	Pickens	864-654-8266
Aug. 12	York	803-325-2888
Aug. 19	Spartanburg	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 26	Sumter/ Clarendon	803-773-3397
Aug. 26	Edgefield	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 26	Greenville	864-654-8266
Aug. 26	Laurens	4301-4301-4301-4301
Sept. 9	Allendale	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 9	Pickens	864-843-9692
Sept. 9	Anderson	864-617-5572
Sept. 9	Johnsonville	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 9	York	803-325-2888
Sept. 10	Greenville	864-239-2079
Sept. 11 & 12	N. Augusta Both evenings	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 13 & 14 <sup>th</sup>	Abbeville	8266-8266-8266
Sept. 16	Charleston	843-764-7951
Sept. 16	Orangeburg/ Calhoun	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 16	Spartanburg	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 16	Williamsburg	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 23	Laurens	1-800-868-5528 X 8400
Sept. 23	Greenville	864-654-8266
Sept. 23	Horry	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 23	Orangeburg/ Calhoun	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 30	Newberry	1-800-868-5528 X8400

Date	County	Pre-register
Sept. 30	Sumter	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 2 & 3	Charleston	4301-4301-4301-4301
Oct. 7	N. Augusta Both evenings	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 7	Pickens	864-654-8266
Oct. 7	Richland	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 7	Saluda	1-800-868-5528 X 8400
Oct. 7	York	803-325-2888
Oct. 10 & 11	Barnwell Both evenings	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 13 & 14	Abbeville Both evenings	864-654-8266
Oct. 14	Lexington	345-6181
Oct. 15	Greenville	864-239-2079
Oct. 21	Berkeley	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 21	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 21	Johnsonville	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 21	Spartanburg	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 4	Bamberg	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 4	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 4	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 4	Orangeburg	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 4	Pickens	864-654-8266
Nov. 4	York	803-325-2888
Nov. 6 & 7	Horry	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 11	Greenwood	1-800-868-5528 X8400
Nov. 11	Lexington	772-3336
Nov. 11	Williamsburg	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 12	Greenville	864-239-2079
Nov. 13 & 14 <sup>th</sup>	N. Augusta Both evenings	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 13 & 14	Beaufort Both evenings	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 18	Sumter/ Clarendon	803-773-3397
Nov. 18	Spartanburg	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 18	Charleston	843-764-7951
Dec. 2	Aiken	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 2	Charleston	4301-4301-4301-4301
Dec. 4 & 5	Lexington Both evenings	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 5 & 6	Georgetown Both evenings	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 9	Barnwell	Limit 100 1-800-277-4301
Dec. 9	Laurens	1-800-868-5528 X 8400
Dec. 9	York	803-325-2888
Dec. 10	Greenville	864-239-2079
Dec. 16	Pickens	864-654-8266
Dec. 16	Spartanburg	1-800-277-4301
Jan. 14, 2007	Greenville	864-239-2079
Feb. 11, 2007	Greenville	864-239-2079

## Boater education classes

(Pre-registration is Required to attend.)

Call the numbers listed for course times and to preregister. Classes may be cancelled for cause.

You can also obtain a homestudy course by calling 1-800-830-2268 or going online to [www.boat-ed.com/sc](http://www.boat-ed.com/sc).

Date	County	Pre-register
July 15	Beaufort	843-524-5577
July 17	Orangeburg/ Calhoun	1-800-277-4301
July 22	Greenwood	1-800-868-5528 X8400
July 25	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
July 25	Williamsburg	1-800-277-4301
July 27	Georgetown	1-800-277-4301
July 27	Pickens	864-654-8266
July 29	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 2	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 5	Horry	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 5	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 11	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 23 & 24	Georgetown	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 2 & 3	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 2	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 2	Pickens	864-654-8266

## Advice on Eating Fish Caught from SC Waters

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) believe that fish are a healthy, low-fat source of protein. To make sure that the fish you catch are safe to eat, DHEC tests fish from lakes, rivers and streams throughout South Carolina. Past sampling has shown that some fish from selected areas contain mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

To protect your health, DHEC issues fish consumption advisories in areas where contaminated fish have been found. These advisories provide information to help you decide which fish to keep and how much to eat. While DHEC has issued fish consumption advisories for several lakes and rivers in South Carolina, there are other fishing locations where there are no advisories. For more information on the advisories, call DHEC, toll free, at 1-888-849-7241 or go to DHEC's web page at [www.scdhec.net/eqc/admin/html/fishadv.html](http://www.scdhec.net/eqc/admin/html/fishadv.html)

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Saltwater Conservation License Plate



To purchase a one-of-a-kind license plate contact your local South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Division of Motor Vehicles or visit [www.scdmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvonline.com).

Endangered Species License Plate

